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	Jerry Lin		1631	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,7-14,16,17,21,23,24,28-32,34,36,37,39,67,68,72,73 and 78-81 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,7-14,16,17,21,23,24,28-32,34,36,37,67,68,72,73 and 78-81 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 39 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 4, 7-14, 16, 17, 21, 23, 24, 28, 30-32, 34, 36, 37, 67, 68, 72, 73, and 78-81 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ribí et al. (US 5,491,097).

Regarding claims 1, 4, 7-14, 16, 17, 21, 23, 24, 28, 30-32, 34, 36, 37, 67, 68, 72, 73, and 78-81, Ribí et al. teach a microarray (column 19, lines 15-31; column 22, lines 30-64) that includes a polymerizable moiety covalently attached to one or two moieties selected from of group of a monomeric unit of permeation layer (column 3, lines 15-40; column 8, lines 42-67; column 4, lines 30-43; column 6, lines 37-65); a covalent bond or linking moiety (column 5, lines 20-53) and a functional group that is streptavidin, biotin, thioester or acetal (column 6, lines 16-22; column 5, lines 40-53) which is activated by providing an electronic potential at least one electrode of the microarray (column 17, lines 55- column 18, line 7); wherein the P of the P-X-R groups require activation prior to participating in a polymerization reaction (column 11, line 24-column 15, line 50);

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wherein the P is activated prior to forming the covalent bond between the P and R (column 17, lines 55-63); wherein biomolecules are attached to P-X-R groups (column 8, lines 29-45; column 7, lines 30-46).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ribí et al. (US 5,491,097) in view of Heller et al. (US 5,605,662).

Ribí et al. is applied as above.

Ribí et al. does not specifically teach a permeation layer of acrylamide.

Heller et al. does teach a permeation layer of acrylamide (column 15, lines 6-53).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to combine the teaching of Heller et al. and Ribí et al. Polyacrylamide is a well-known porous material commonly used in nucleic acid assays. Heller also states that a porous material is needed for gas and ions to pass freely to the metal substrate (column 10, line 59- column 11, line 17). Given that both Ribí et al. and Heller et al. disclose devices that are used in the detection of nucleic acids, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to use polyacrylamide a permeation layer since it was well known in the art as a porous material.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 39 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerry Lin whose telephone number is (571) 272-2561. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:00am-6:30pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ardin Marschel, Ph.D. can be reached on (571) 272-0718. The fax phone

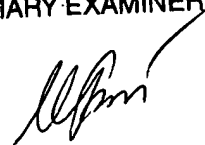
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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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